

# DESCRIPTION OF TWO-DIMENSIONAL ATTRACTORS OF SOME DISSIPATIVE INFINITE-DIMENSIONAL DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

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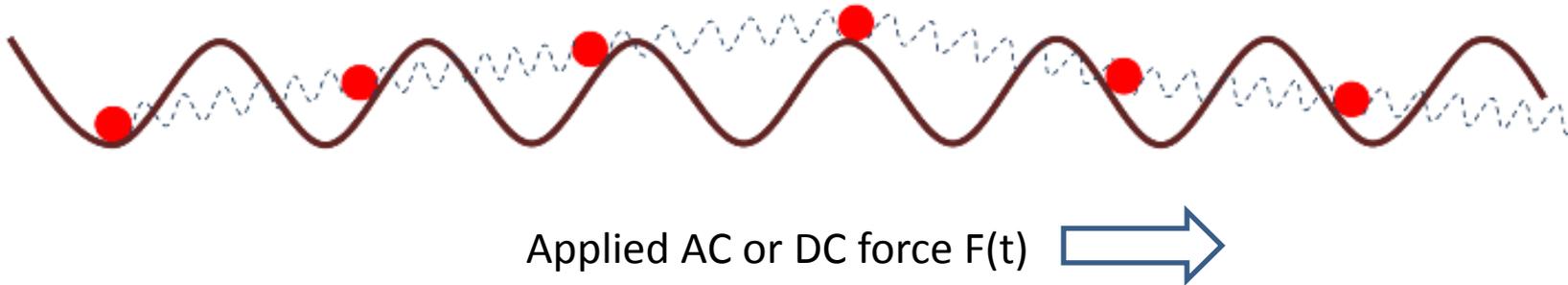


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## Dissipative dynamics of pulled (driven) Frenkel-Kontorovora models:

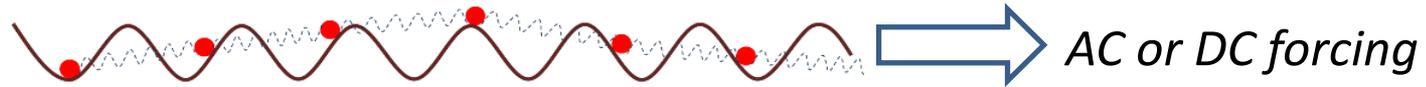


- 1 Description of the model and known numerical observations
- 2 The (at most) 2D representation of the attractor – theory and numerics
- 3 Description of phase transitions and asymptotics
- 4 Applications: new numerical algorithms to determine phase transitions

# 1 THE THEORY APPLIES TO 1D, DRIVEN DISSIPATIVE DYNAMICS



Overdamped, driven FK dynamics:



$$H(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (W(x_n - x_{n+1}) + V(x_n))$$
$$\frac{dx_n}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H(x)}{\partial x_n} + F(t)$$
$$= W'(x_{n+1} - x_n) - W'(x_n - x_{n-1}) - V'(x_n) + F(t).$$

(FK)

- $F(t)$  constant - DC dynamics
- $F(t)$  time-periodic - AC dynamics
- $V(x)$  – on-site (periodic) potential, e.g.  $V(x) = k \sin(2 \pi x)$
- $W(x)$  – interaction potential, e.g.  $W(x - y) = (x - y)^2 / 2$

## 1 OTHER MODELS TO WHICH THE THEORY APPLIES

The theory also applies to (not included in this talk) :

- Damped FK dynamics, with sufficiently strong damping:

$$\frac{d^2 x_n}{dt^2} + \gamma \frac{dx_n}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H(x)}{\partial x_n} + F(t)$$

- Reaction-diffusion in 1D (f periodic in t,x):

$$u_t = u_{xx} + f(t, x, u, u_x)$$

- In particular, Burger's equation:

$$u_t = u_{xx} - uu_x$$

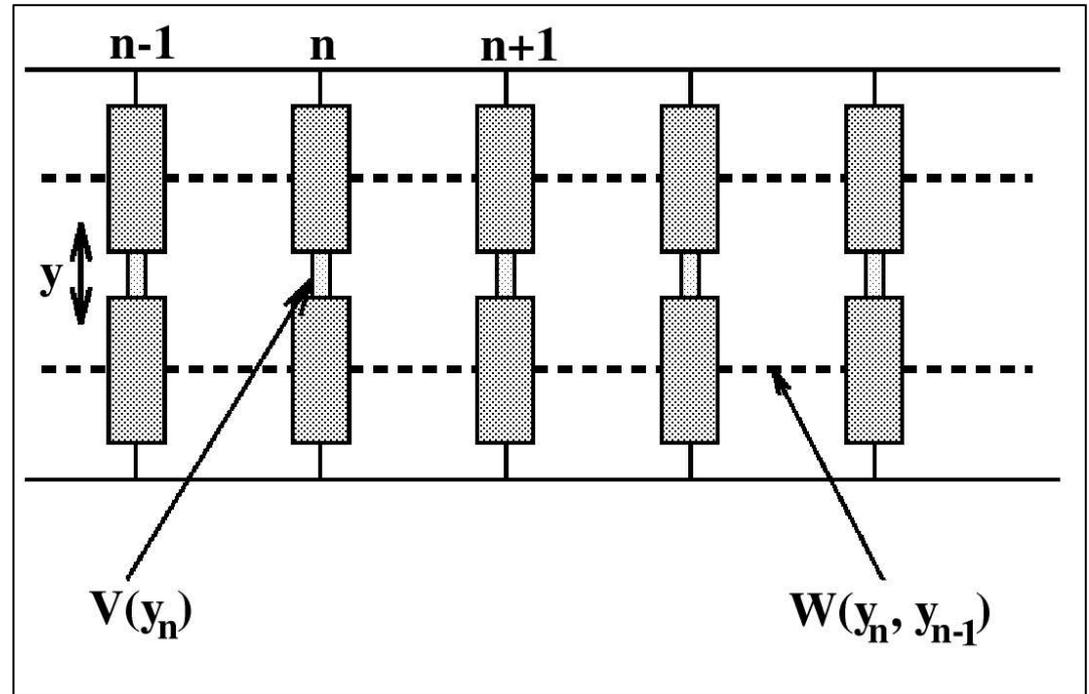
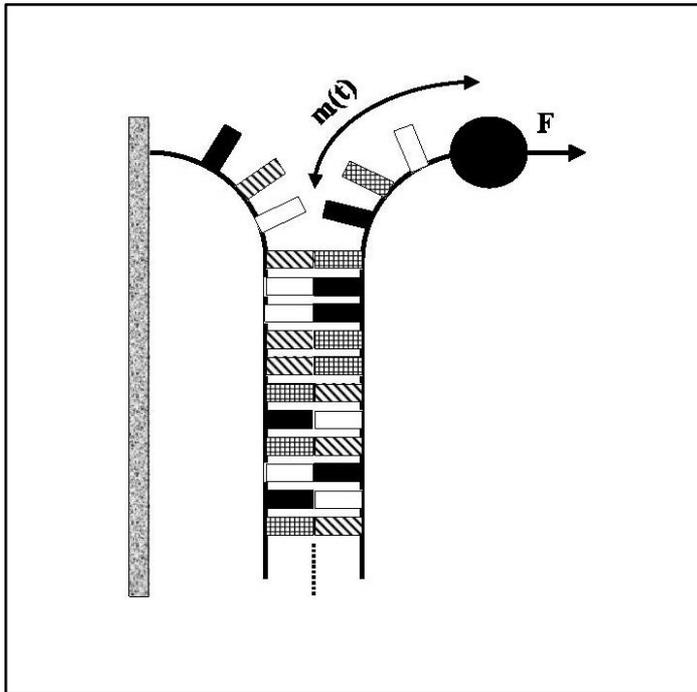
- Damped hyperbolic equation in 1D with sufficiently strong damping:

$$u_{tt} + \gamma u_t = u_{xx} + f(t, x, u, u_x)$$

# 1 EXAMPLES OF PHYSICAL MODELS



- **DNA unzipping** (in replication and transcription)
- Peyrard – Bishop – Dauxois model (Floria, Baesens, Gomez-Gardenez, 2006)
- $V$  – interaction between nucleotides;  $W$  – interaction between neighbouring pairs;  $F$  – unzipping force;  $y$  – the distance between nucleotide pairs



- **Other physical models:** Charge density wave transport; Josephson junction arrays; dislocation dynamics in solids; in surface physics ...

# 1 NUMERICALLY OBSERVED BEHAVIOR – DC DRIVING

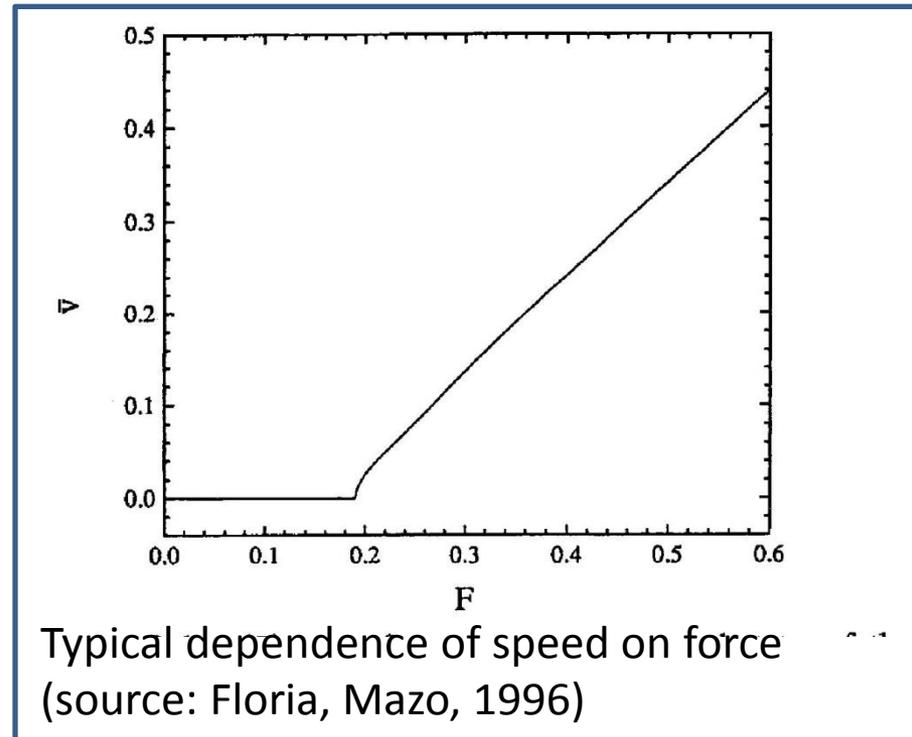
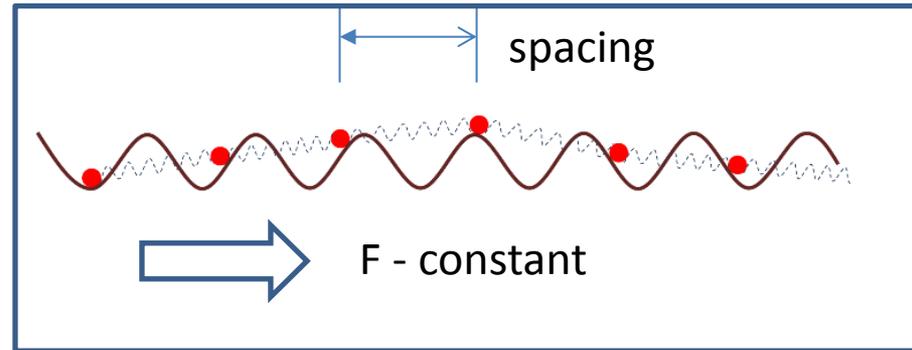


## Rigorously known:

- „Depinning” („unlocking”) force typically non-zero
- Depinning force and sliding speed depend on the mean spacing
- Non-zero speed for mean spacing  $r$ : there exists unique „ordered” orbit (uniformly sliding state)

## No / limited rigorous results:

- Sharp estimates of depinning force?
- Asymptotics for various initial conditions (convergence to the sliding solution?)
- Behavior close to pinning/depinning (unlocking) transition?
- Speed of convergence?



# 1 NUMERICALLY OBSERVED BEHAVIOR – AC DRIVING

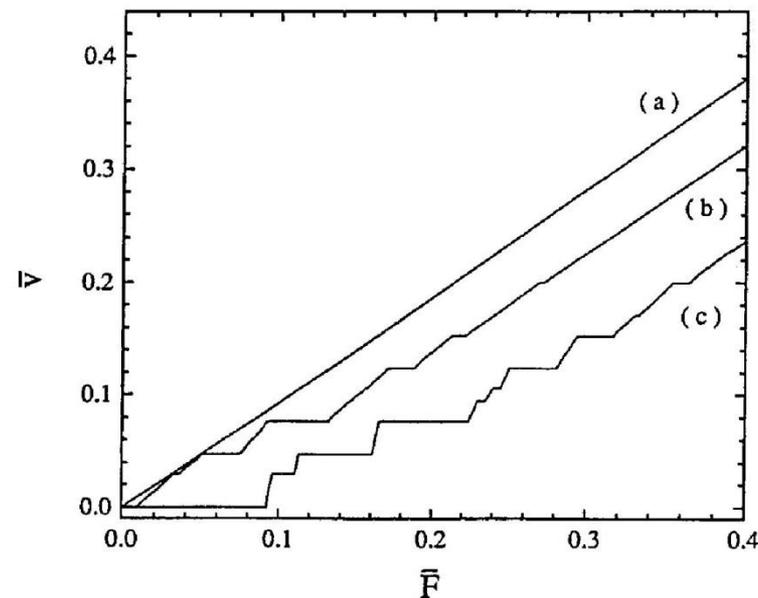
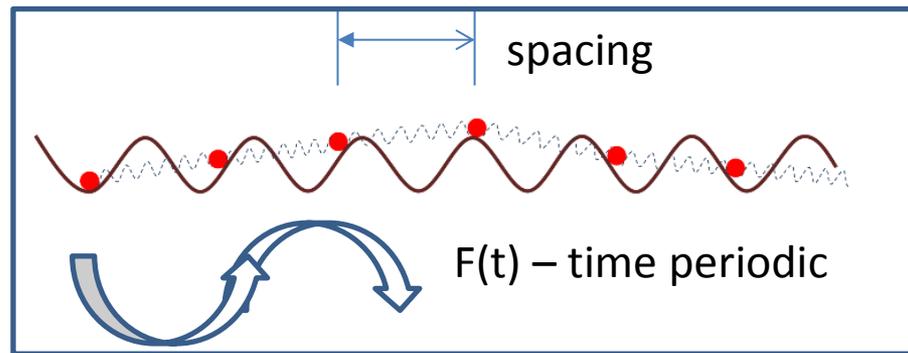


## Rigorously known:

- There exist ordered (synchronized) orbits for any mean spacing (Qin, 2013)

## No / limited rigorous results:

- Rigorous explanation of „mode locking“?
- Is the  $v(F)$  dependence a devil staircase?
- Description of the „dynamical Aubry transition“?
- Convergence to synchronized orbits / asymptotics for arbitrary initial conditions?
- Speed of convergence?
- Etc.

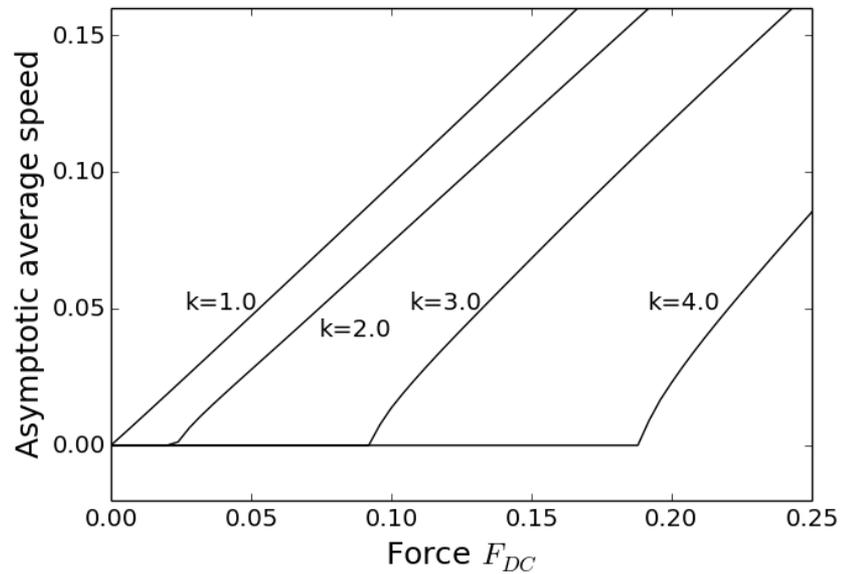


Typical dependence of speed on force for three FK models - different site potentials (source: Floria, Mazo, 1996)

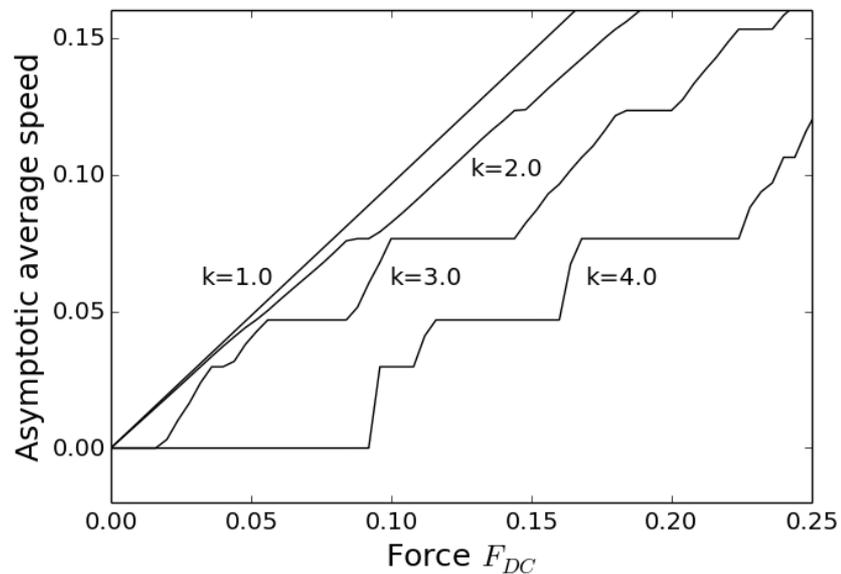
# 1 MORE NUMERICS : AVERAGE SPEED VS. AVERAGE FORCE



DC driving:



AC driving:



## 2 THE MATHEMATICAL BACKGROUND



<p><b>The Aubry-Mather theory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Representation of ground states of FK model as a twist map</li><li>• Commensurations / discommensurations</li></ul>	<p><b>Poincare-Bendixson theorem for 1D reaction-diffusion equations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fiedler, Mallet-Paret, 1989</li><li>• Asymptotics for reaction-diffusion on bounded domains</li></ul>
<p><b>Ergodic theory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SRB measures</li><li>• Physical measures</li><li>• Minimising measures</li></ul>	<p><b>Hamiltonian dyn.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KAM theory</li><li>• Break-up of invariant tori (Converse KAM)</li><li>• Renormalization theory</li></ul>

## 2 THE AUBRY – MATHER THEORY



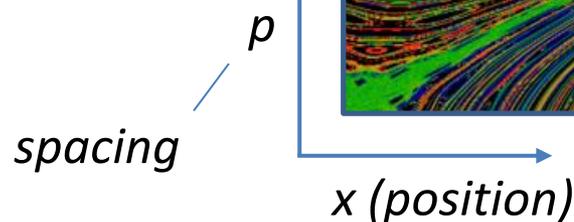
### Description of equilibria:

- Elementary: all equilibria ( $F=0$ ,  $du/dt=0$ ) characterized as orbits of a 2D twist area-preserving map
- **Aubry-Mather**: existence of ground states for arbitrary mean spacing (=Aubry-Mather sets)
- Ground states are ordered
- Ground states lie on either

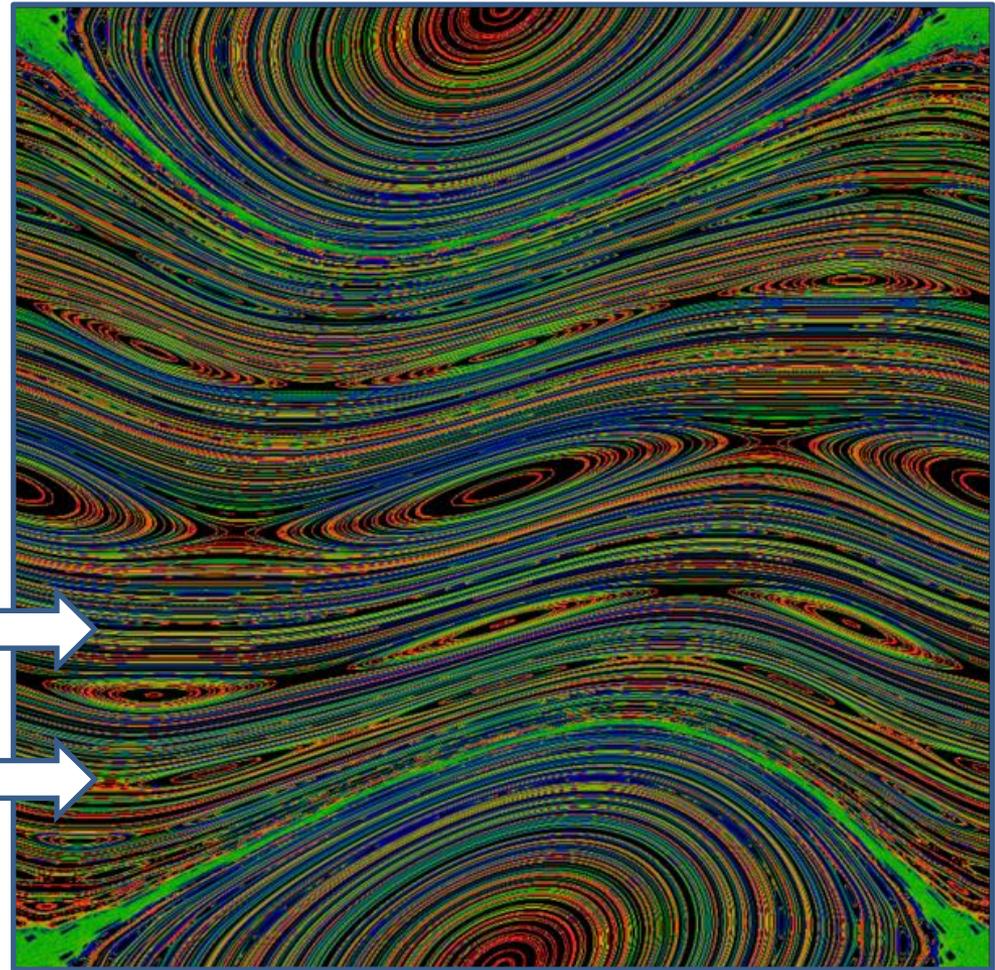
*Invariant torus (circle)*

or

*Cantor set*



### Phase portrait of the 2D representation:





- **Equation:** reaction-diffusion in 1d on  $[0,1]$ , periodic boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= u_{xx} + f(x, u, u_x) \\u(0, t) &= u(1, t) \\u(., 0) &= u^0(x)\end{aligned}$$

- **Theorem** (Fiedler, Mallet-Paret, 1989): The  $\omega$ -limit set  $\omega(u)$  for any  $u$  projects injectively to a compact 2D set
- **Similar theorem for FK model** (Baesens, MacKay, 1998): For finite FK model with periodic boundary conditions
- **Key insight:** the „intersection-counting” („lap-number”) function is a discrete Lyapunov function

## 2 PHYSICAL SPACE-TIME MEASURES



- Physical (probability, invariant) measures: time averages of any observable on the basin of attraction converge to the spatial average
- **Known** for uniformly hyperbolic, Axiom A systems: unique physical measure (SRB measure)
- Adapted definition to our setting
- Let  $K \subseteq \mathbf{R}^Z$  be a (compact) set of FK chain configurations  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbf{Z}}$

**Definition:** We say that a time- and space-invariant (probability) measure  $\mu$  on  $K$  is *space-time physical*, if for any  $u^0 \in K$ , and any cont. function  $f$  on  $K$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2nT} \int_0^T \sum_{m=-n}^n f(S^m u(t)) dt = \int f(u) d\mu(u)$$

Space-time average

Expectation  
= w.r. to physical  
measure

## 2 THE MAIN RESULT: ATTRACTOR IS (AT MOST) 2D



**Theorem (S.Si., 2014):** The attractor  $A$  for AC and DC dissipatively driven FK model is at most 2-dimensional.

The injective projection is given with  $\pi: A \rightarrow R^2$ ,

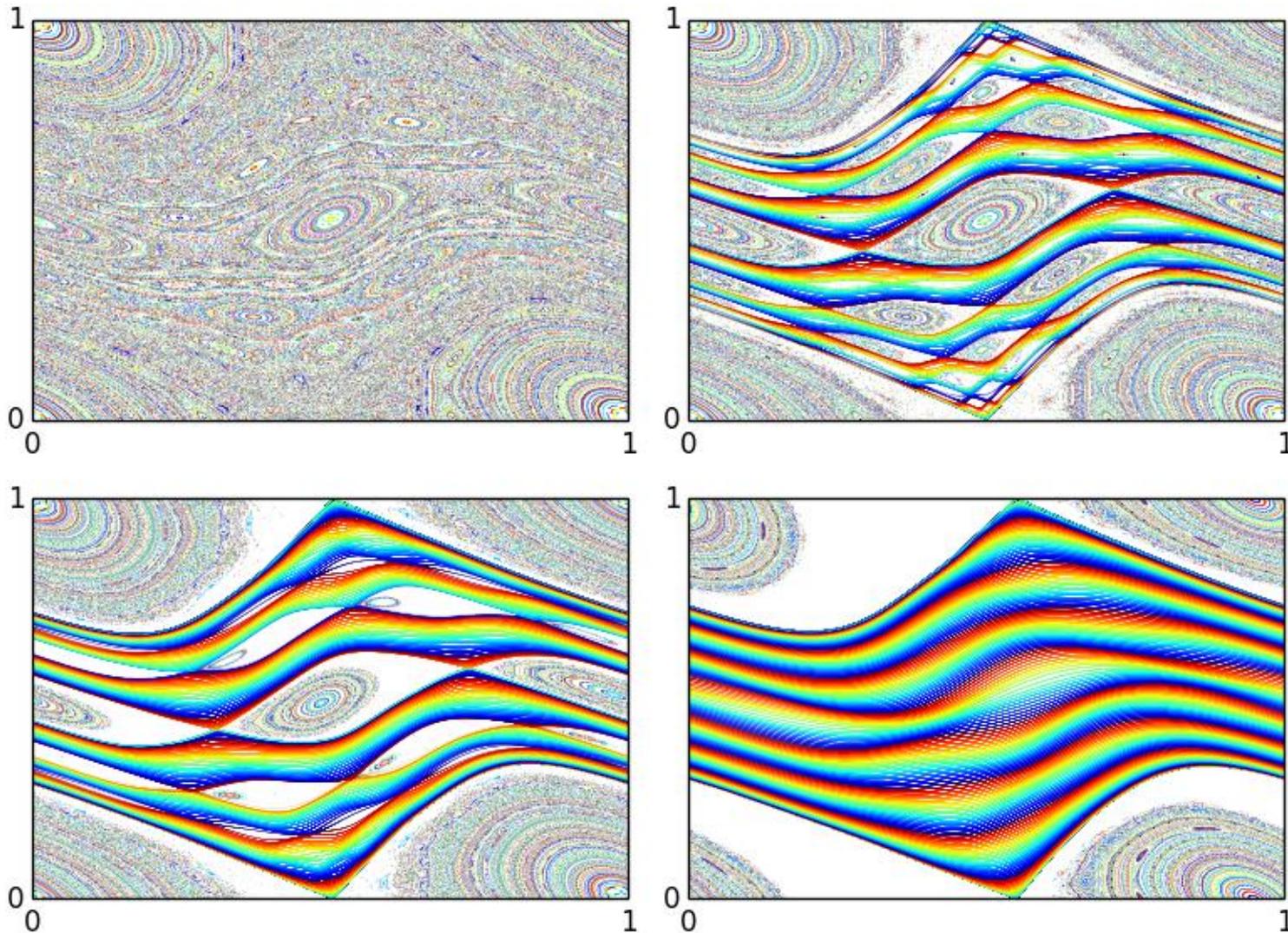
$$\pi((x_n)) = (x_0, x_1 - x_0)$$

Definition of the attractor – in an ergodic theoretical sense.

Equivalent definitions of the attractor

- Configurations „observable” for positive density of times and spatial translates,
- Union of supports of all space-time invariant measures,
- Configurations „observable” for positive space-time probability.

## 2 NUMERICS: 2D REPRESENTATIONS OF THE ATTRACTOR



2D representations of the attractor of a DC-driven standard FK model, with  $k=1.0$ . The DC force (left to right):  $F=0, 0.001, 0.005, 0.05$ . The same color corresponds to the same configuration and its time evolution.

### 3 WHAT IS A DYNAMICAL PHASE TRANSITION?



Confusion in the literature: how to recognize dynamical (Aubry) phase transition?

- DC case „clear”: when the chain starts moving
- AC case – unclear, speed vs. force dependency complex
- We distinguish pinned vs. depinned phase (or locked vs. unlocked)
- Pinned phase: part of the physical space asymptotically „off-limit”

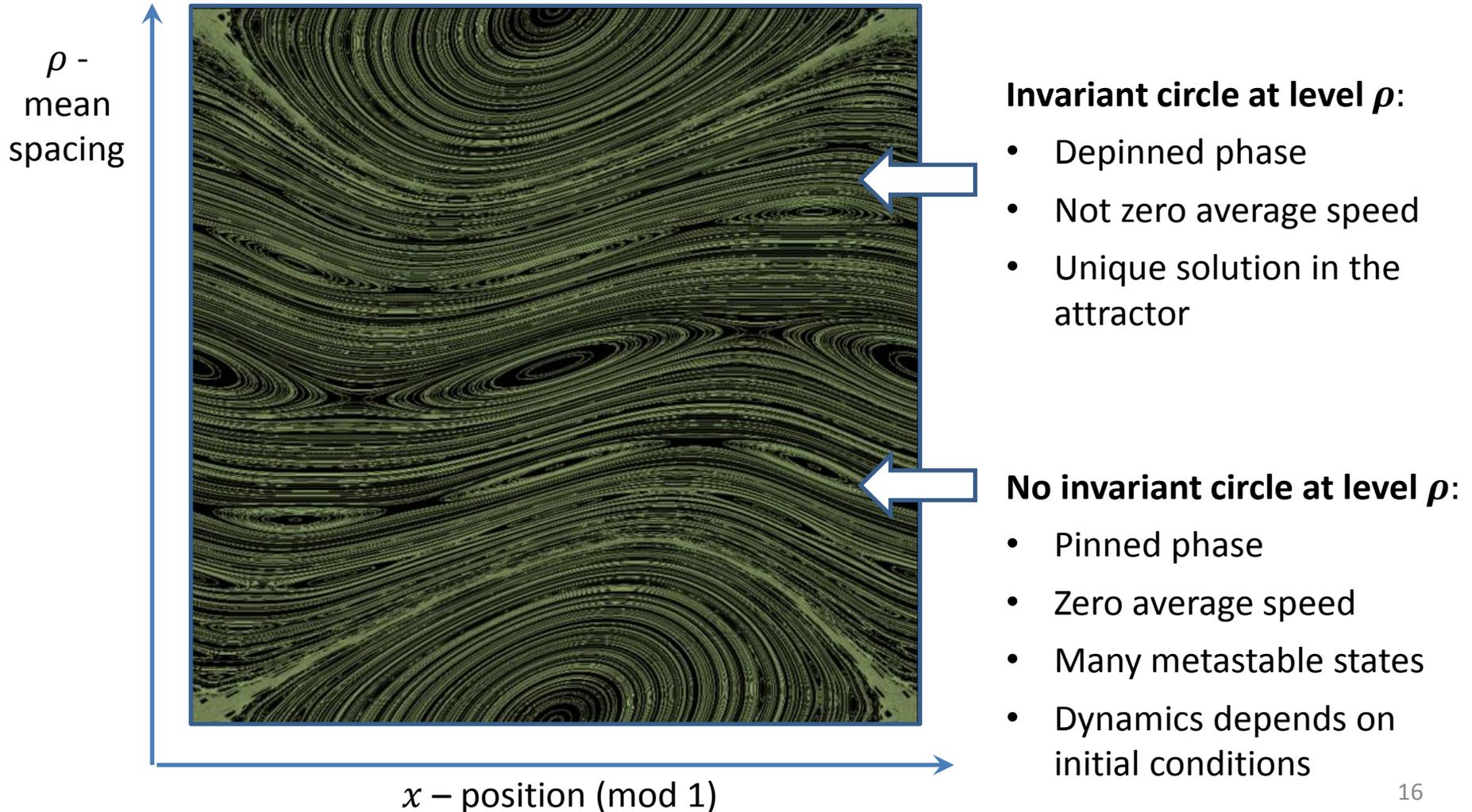
**Theorem (S.SI., 2014):** The following characterizations of the depinned phase (for fixed mean spacing) are equivalent:

- Projection of the attractor to the first coordinate covers the entire real line (in the pinned phase, it is a Cantor set)
- The space-time invariant measure is unique
- The modulation function is smooth (in the pinned phase, it is a Devil’s staircase)

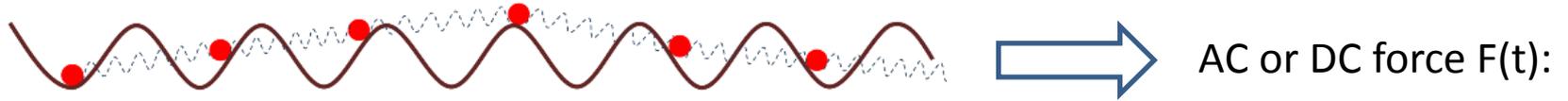
### 3 EXAMPLE – DC DRIVING (SIMILAR PICTURE IN THE AC CASE!!)



Constant driving force  $F$ , 2D representation of the attractor



### 3 ERGODIC THEORETICAL INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS



$\left\{ \text{Union of supports of physical* measures} \right\} \subset \left\{ \text{Union of supports of invariant* measures} \right\} \subset \left\{ \text{Classical attractor} \right\}$		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asymptotics for a.e. time and a.e. initial condition</li> <li>• Circles + cantori</li> <li>• Generalized Aubry-Mather sets</li> <li>• Consists of synchronized orbits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asymptotics for a.e. time and a.e. initial condition</li> <li>• 2D set</li> <li>• Characterization as orbits of a 2D twist-like map</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asymptotics for all times and all initial conditions</li> <li>• <math>\infty</math>-dim. set</li> <li>• Description hopeless (?)</li> </ul>

*new results*

\* space-time physical / space-time invariant

### 3 WHAT ARE SYNCHRONIZED ORBITS?



**Definition:** Let  $u(t)$  be an orbit of (FK). We say that  $u(t)$  is synchronized, if the set  $\{S^n u(t), t \in \mathbf{R}, n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  is totally ordered.

- Here  $(S^n u(t))_m = u(t)_{n+m}$  is the spatial shift
- Two configurations totally ordered = their graphs do not intersect

**Theorem:** The equation (FK) in both AC and DC cases for each mean spacing  $\rho \in \mathbf{R}$  has a synchronized solution.

- In the DC case by Middleton (1992), Baesens, MacKay (1998), Qin (2010, 2011)
- In the AC case Hu, Qin, Zheng (2005), Qin, S. Sl. (2013)

### 3 SYNCHRONIZED ORBITS ARE ATTRACTING



**Theorem:** (S.Sl., 2014) In both AC and DC cases, **depinned phase** (for fixed mean spacing  $\rho \in \mathbf{R}$  :

- $\omega$ -limit set for any initial condition\* with mean spacing  $\rho \in \mathbf{R}$  consists of synchronized solution

**Theorem:** (S.Sl., 2014) In both AC and DC cases, **pinned phase** (for fixed mean spacing  $\rho \in \mathbf{R}$  is locally stable.

\* asymptotics defined in ergodic-theoretical sense (orbits in the closure observable for positive density of times and spatial translates)

Complete description of the asymptotics: 2D dynamics as above + coarsening (see e.g. Eckmann, Rougemont; dynamics of the real Ginzburg-Landau equation)



## Problem

- DC: sharp estimate of the unlocking transition
- AC: sharp estimate of the dynamical Aubry transition
- AC, DC: persistence of the sliding regime for (sufficiently) irrational mean spacing
- AC, DC: Behavior close to the pinning/depinning and dynamical Aubry transition
- AC, DC: Dependence of speed on parameters
- Speed of convergence to synchronized solutions

## New tool available

- Criteria for break-up of invariant tori (Boyland, MacKay, Stark) – „Converse KAM”
- KAM theory
- Renormalization theory approach developed for twist area-preserving maps (?)
- Various ergodic-theoretical tools
- Further study of the key tool – new Lyapunov functions on the space of measures

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